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IN THE CLAIMS**JAN 15 2008**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of customizing a rule-based application, the method comprising:

designating a customizable element of a set as a customizable template, the customizable element being selected by an end-user;

compiling said customizable element into at least one object to form a ruleset;
and

parsing said set to detect said customizable element designated as a customizable template.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said set comprises a ruleset.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising customizing said element.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said element comprises a variable.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said element comprises a rule.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said element comprises a ruleset.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising designating a ruleset of said set as a customizable ruleset template.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising generating a customized ruleset from the customizable ruleset template.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising enabling customization in a deployment environment.

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11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising enabling customization in a development environment.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising re-editing a previously generated rule.
13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a new ruleset is generated from a customizable ruleset template, and a pre-existing customizable rule template is associated with said new ruleset and is unchanged.
14. (Currently Amended) A system for customizing a rule-based application, the system comprising:
means for designating a customizable element of a set as a customizable template, the customizable element being selected by an end-user;
means for compiling said customizable element into at least one object to form a ruleset; and
means for parsing said set to detect said customizable element designated as a customizable template.
15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein said set comprises a ruleset.
16. (Cancelled)
17. (Original) The system of claim 14, further comprising means for customizing said element.
18. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein said element comprises a variable.
19. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein said element comprises a rule.

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20. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein said element comprises a ruleset.
21. (Original) The system of claim 14, further comprising means for designating a ruleset of said set as a customizable ruleset template.
22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, further comprising means for generating a customized ruleset from said customizable ruleset template.
23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising means for enabling customization in a deployment environment.
24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising means for enabling customization in a development environment.
25. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising means for re-editing a previously generated rule.
26. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable ~~media~~ medium comprising at least one of: a non-volatile medium, or a volatile medium for storing software instructions for customizing a rule-based application, which when executed by a processor perform the steps of:
designating a customizable element of a set as a customizable template, the customizable element being selected by an end-user;
compiling said customizable element into at least one object to form a ruleset;
storing said ruleset; and
parsing said set to detect said customizable element designated as a customizable template.
27. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable ~~media~~ medium of claim 26, wherein said set comprises a ruleset.

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28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable ~~media~~ medium of claim 26, wherein said instructions further performing the step of customizing said element.

30. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable ~~media~~ medium of claim 26, wherein said instructions further performing the step of designating a ruleset of said set as a customizable ruleset template.

31. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable ~~media~~ medium of claim 30, wherein said instructions further performing the step of generating a customized ruleset from the customizable ruleset template.